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SUBJECT: WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

1. INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION BILL (H.R. 11240 and S. 2939): Authorizes funds for fiscal year 1979 for Government intelligence activities.

STATUS: The intelligence authorization bill Conference Report has now been finished by the Conference staff and has been reported to both Houses. The Conference Report will probably not be accepted by the House until 10 or 11 August. It will probably be accepted by the Senate in the next day or two.

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3. STATE AUTHORIZATION BILL (H.R. 12598): Authorizes funds for State Department operations and other international programs in fiscal year 1979.

STATUS: The House-Senate Conference on the State Department authorization bill concluded action on the third agency rule. The Senate dropped its change in the law and the conferees adopted a joint statement in the report which sets forth an acceptable procedure in connection with requests involving the third agency rule.

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Agreement has been reached with Senate staffers on the Role of the Ambassador and Case-Zablocki questions. The Senate will drop its change on Role of the Ambassador and will limit its Case-Zablocki change to cover oral international agreements of consequence.

4. INTELLIGENCE CHARTER BILL: (S. 2525 and H.R. 12245): Proposes charters for the intelligence agencies.

STATUS: The SSCI concluded its first series of hearings on the charter legislation. Since April 1978, the SSCI has held about a dozen hearings, taking testimony from non-Governmental witnesses. The SSCI staff contemplates calling Administration witnesses in the fall. Agency discussions with SSCI staff concerning the legislation will continue, but none are scheduled for next week.

5. ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE BILL (S. 1566 and H.R. 7308): Requires the Government to obtain judicial warrants before instituting electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes within the United States.

STATUS: The bill is likely to come up for floor action on 8 August in the House, although this date is still tentative. The bill passed the Senate on 20 April. The DCI is making calls to House members in support of the bill.

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